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1. Rostock: A Soviet engineer unit and an antitank unit are at present stationed in Rostock. The antitank unit was formerly at Ribnitz and was transferred to Rostock about June 1953. It was engaged in firing practice on Rostock Heath in September and October returning to Rostock on 16 Nov. There were 102 vehicles, among them armored tractors towing 100 mm antitank guns with double tires. There were also trucks with 76.2 mm antitank guns attached. These guns were noticeable for the unusually angled mounts and had short barrels with unusually long muzzle brakes.

2. On 23 Nov 53 a column of Soviet trucks and ammunition and weapons carriers was observed on the Laage-Teterow road, going towards Teterow. The cars each had a gun of about 40 mm mounted forward. The cars appeared to be of American make. About 60 vehicles were counted. There were six men in each car. The soldiers wore red facings and the officers red hat cords. The insignia were various. There were open platform trucks with loads which were completely covered up.

3. Trampe: Construction work at the Trampe (Kreis Eberswalde) troop training grounds has ended. Altogether 1,222 bedsteads were delivered for the barracks. A Soviet supply column is at present occupying the quarters. The training grounds are used by units from Eberswalde and Pinow.

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4. On 26 Nov 53, about half an hour before midnight, a column of 10 assault guns was observed coming towards Bernburg from the direction of Dessau. The guns were the SU 240 type, having two large half-tracks and 9 small wheels on each side. The guns were in a completely horizontal position and had muzzle brakes.

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